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As a below named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 1 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below at 1-4, of the invention entitled: VOICE CONVERTER WITH EXTRACTION AND MODIFICATION OF ATTRIBUTE DATA

Which is described and claimed in:

☐ the attached specification or

☒ the specification in application Serial No. 09/277,582 filed 03/26/99

☐ as amended

on \_\_\_\_\_ and for which a patent is sought, and that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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for which the undersigned executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America:

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- (A) ☐ even date herewith  
(B) ☐ on \_\_\_\_\_  
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